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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 28, to line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The next, ie. second phase (Figure 2) may be considered as an intermediate oil transfer phase. Hydraulic fluid keeps being let into the cylinder 3 from the conduit 5 and this causes the guide column, and the related plunger-type piston, to move further downwards, while the hydraulic fluid keeps flowing over as explained above.

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